

In reference to the issue of interoperability of equipment provided by Sorenson: I do not see any difference in this issue than that of cell phone or land line users being obligated to use the system to which they are subscribed.

In addition, the monies earned by Sorenson through VRS are funneled back into the company for research and development of new equipment that will better serve the needs of consumers. If those profits are compromised by competitors' use of Sorenson equipment, it is ostensible that Sorenson would no longer be able to provide this equipment for free.